

Airplane Mail On 50 Routes Assured U. S.

Hundreds of Machines Turned Over for Postmen; New System Discussed

5 Transcontinental Airways Planned

Fliers Discharged From Army and Navy to Form Personnel of Service

National aerial mail service became an assured fact yesterday. The experimental stage is now passed.

Captain Benjamin B. Lipsner, director of the service, announced yesterday that the government had turned over to his use hundreds of aeroplanes. The exact number will not be known for several days.

Work of charting fifty new air mail routes will be started at once and by next spring all will have been opened. The New York-Chicago route, already tried as an experiment, will be the first to be put into operation.

In connection with his announcement Captain Lipsner said several circumstances had led to its being made at this time. Of chief consideration was the fact that hundreds of skilled aviators are about to be released from the army. Unless there is an immediate opening for them they will naturally drift back into private life and the months of training they have gone through will be wasted.

Eight Routes Suggested

As the first step in the development of the air mail service the Aero Club of America is planning to establish eight continental airways. Five are to be transcontinental and three will follow the coasts.

The first is to be known as the Woodrow Wilson Airway. It will form almost a straight line from New York to San Francisco, touching at Cleveland, Toledo, Chicago and other important cities.

A second route, to be known as the Wright Brothers' Airway, will describe something approximating an arc between Washington and San Antonio, Tex. The third, known as the Langley Airway, will start at Philadelphia and after passing through Pittsburgh, Columbus, Dayton, Indianapolis, St. Louis and Kansas City will end at Santa Barbara, Cal.

Will Reduce Rates

Just how many aeroplanes are now available in this country for air mail service, Captain Lipsner would not say. A member of the Aero Club of America was authority for the statement that more than 500 machines could be sent into the air immediately and that number could be doubled within a few weeks.

One of the first steps, it was said, in connection with the development of the air mail would be a reduction in the present postage rates for that service. Under prevailing conditions, the rates are necessarily high and as a result the service is still considered more in the light of a toy than a great national institution, destined to rival the trans-continental railroad system.

Man Arrested by a Girl

Adaline Eggers Says Fugitive Stole Gift Box for Blind

Adaline Eggers, a yeoman in the navy, yesterday in the Washington Heights police court, told how she arrested Samuel Gross, of 206 East Thirtieth Street, with the help of Detective Edward Nelson, an Indian.

She said she saw Gross steal a gift box Tuesday which the Permanent Blind Relief Fund had placed in a bakery at 181st Street and St. Nicholas Avenue in aid of blinded soldiers and sailors.

As Gross ran out of the shop, she said, she seized him. He tore himself loose and was caught after a short chase by Nelson.

Magistrate Blau held Gross for further examination.

10,000 Wed in France

Dr. Macfarland Says This Will Help to Get Soldiers Back

Dr. Charles H. Macfarland, who recently went to France as representative of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, said yesterday in an address at a luncheon of the New York Advertising Club that 10,000 American soldiers had married French girls since arriving overseas. This would be a serious problem of getting the soldiers back, he thought.

Dr. Macfarland said that "certain other Americans" might have been sent to France had they been able to exercise that quality.

Kills Friend by Accident

Patrolman Edward P. Maloney, of the East Thirty-fifth Street police station, accidentally shot and killed Edward Doris, a bartender, yesterday, and later was arrested on a charge of homicide. The two were old friends and Maloney's revolver was lying on the bar of Doris's brother's saloon at 552 First Avenue, while they talked. The patrolman picked up the weapon to return it to its holster. It was discharged and the bullet struck Doris in the heart.

Engineers Inspect Faith

Shipping men and Marine engineers, including several Japanese, inspected the concrete steamship Faith yesterday at Pier 42 Hudson River at the invitation of the Portland Cement Company. The Faith, launched at a California yard last March, recently arrived in this port from the Pacific with a cargo of sugar picked up at Havana. Her engines were told that in the thousands of miles she had travelled not a mechanical weakness had developed.

Anarchist Gives Up Liberty for Friend

Convicted Red Surrenders His Bail So Another Can Be Free on Thanksgiving

Because he believes in the Bolshevik and because he is anxious to show that the much boasted of comradeship and fellow feeling among the anarchists really exists, Jacob Abrams, one of the Molly Steimer group of espionage act violators, yesterday surrendered himself to the Federal authorities so that his bail of \$10,000 could be used to free Hyman Lachowsky, who was convicted with him and was unable to obtain surety.

Abrams sacrificed his freedom so that his comrade Lachowsky, who is ill, may spend Thanksgiving with friends in Harlem.

Molly Steimer and her six male companions were taken into custody six months ago by the Military Intelligence on a charge of printing and circulating a seditious booklet. They were convicted and sentenced to serve twenty years each at the Atlanta prison.

They appealed to the United States Supreme Court, which ruled that the defendants were entitled to their liberty pending the appeal. Lachowsky was the only member of the group unable to furnish bail. The bail of the others was furnished in Liberty bonds by the anarchists.

Italy Expects U. S. To Send Food, Says Signor de Ambris

Head of Labor Mission Declares Nowhere Else Is There So Great Need

Paying a glowing tribute to the American Red Cross for its work in Italy, Alcide de Ambris, member of the Italian Parliament and leader of the pro-war Socialists, who arrived in New York yesterday at the head of an Italian labor mission, declared his country's greatest present need is food.

As for fuel, Italy had been so long without coal, he said, it had almost forgotten what it looked like.

"Nothing could have been done more graciously than the relief work of the American Red Cross," said Signor de Ambris. "The Red Cross workers came when Italy was in need, but they did not come as the bearers of charity. They brought food as brothers might bring food to brothers."

"There remains a fearful shortage of food," he said. "I have been in most of the Allied countries and I have seen much suffering, but nowhere the suffering there is in Italy. Our meat allowance is about two pounds a month. Of bread we get less than a pound a day. We are even worse off for fats. I believe the American people, who have done so much for Italy, will see that Italy gets it."

Grateful to America

"We are extremely grateful to the United States for sending us the wonderful American Red Cross. There is not an Italian but is grateful to that organization."

"Industrially, Italy is all right. Just now there is a movement to restrict immigration, to keep Italian workers at home. This will not prevail, for we know absolutely nothing about the workers in this country. You know nothing of us. Now we believe the time has come when we must get acquainted and work together."

Going to Washington

The party which includes Carlo Bazzani, secretary of the Central Labor Union of Ravenna; Amatore de Ambris, of the National Metallurgical Union, of Milan; Ettore Guzzanti, of the transport workers of Bologna; Silvano Fasoli, of the Italian port workers; Vico Fiaschi, of the Central Labor Union of Carrara; Antelmo Pedrini and Romolo Sabbatini, an alderman of Rome, secretary of the Italian Labor Union of the city; and founder of the Italian Typographical Society—arrived on the Espagne, of the French Line.

The party was met at the pier by a committee headed by James E. Roach and J. W. Sullivan, general organizers of the American Federation of Labor; Ralph M. Easley, of the National Civic Federation; Paul A. Vaccarello, vice-president of the International Longshoremen's Association, and James P. Holland, president of the State Federation of Labor. They will be in the city for several days, and will then return to Washington, where the members hope to see President Wilson. They return to this city Saturday.

Court Urges Passage Of New Tax Lien Laws

Magistrate Appleton Says Legis- lature Should Protect Ig- norant Investors

Magistrate Appleton, who has been presiding over the John Doe investigation into the sale of tax liens in Nassau and Suffolk counties, concluded his services on the bench yesterday by making recommendations to the Legislature to enact new laws to protect the victims of tax lien sales and provide proper supervision over the development companies to protect the poor and ignorant realty investors.

In the first place, Magistrate Appleton urged provisions whereby every person, when he files a deed, be required to have his name and address attached to the deed, and that the tax assessors, in making transcripts of the deed, be compelled to take the name and address of the owner of record. The court also pointed out that the tax collector should be compelled to send a notice to the owner of record.

Magistrate Appleton said: "It seems to me it is the province of the State Banking Department to take charge of these companies, and that the money paid in by these investors be held by the companies, or at least a part of it, in trust for the benefit of those persons who pay."

Swann to Question Sing Sing Inmates About Baksa Case

"Pals" Said to Have Forced Regan to Confess He Killed Mrs. Hamel

Girl's Trial to Go On

District Attorney Says No Bar- gain Will Be Made With the Convict

Several of the prison associates of James Regan, the Sing Sing convict who swears that he and not nineteen-year-old Elizabeth Baksa killed Mrs. Helen Hamel in her rooming house in West Twenty-third Street last February, will be brought here and questioned closely by District Attorney Swann. One of these, Louis Ribbard, who was sentenced in Brooklyn by Judge McDermott the same day Regan was sent away, is now in Elmira. Two of his other associates are in Sing Sing. The trial of the Baksa girl for murder in the first degree will continue to-morrow before Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions.

There is a story in circulation in the Criminal Courts Building that these associates are responsible for Regan's coming between the Baksa girl and a possible sentence to the electric chair. Knowing his professed connection with the Hamel murder, the story runs, Regan's pals, on hearing of the girl's plight, presented an ultimatum to Regan somewhat like this:

"You go down to New York and clear this girl by telling what you know about the murder. The girl will never be able to convict you on your testimony and if you don't clear the girl, we'll demand to be sent down there and we'll tell the jury about your connection with the crime."

District Attorney Swann yesterday reiterated his offer to the Baksa girl's counsel to use Regan as a witness, saying he would leave the question of the convict's veracity to the jury.

"No bargain of any description will be made with Regan," said Mr. Swann. "After he has testified I shall use my judgment as to what further course I shall pursue."

When asked whether the defense would call Regan, Thomas C. McDonald, of counsel for the Baksa girl, said:

"There will be a conference soon between Samuel S. Koenig and myself. In all probability Regan will be called when the trial is resumed on Friday. There are district attorneys—as there are individuals—who die hard. We are very much obliged to the District Attorney for permitting us to call this witness, but I feel impelled to point out that we can call Regan without the consent or approval of the District Attorney."

Commissioner Enright Weds N. J. Widow

"Tips Off" Police He's Going to Bermuda on Vacation; Then Takes Bride

Police Headquarters received the shock of its life yesterday. Just as the "bidding" as the men attached to headquarters invariably refer to it, had settled down to the enjoyment of a ten-day vacation Commissioner Richard Enright had announced he was taking, it was learned that instead of being bound for Bermuda, the Commissioner really was bound for points South—his honeymoon.

At noon the Commissioner and Mrs. Jean Patterson Smith, of Caldwell, N. J., were married in St. Augustine's Church, Sterling Place and Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn. The only witnesses to the ceremony were Mayor Hyman and Mrs. Hyman, E. P. Hughes, who was best man, and a woman friend of the bride.

Mrs. Enright has been a widow for more than ten years. The wedding was to have taken place last February, but was postponed because of the Commissioner's appointment. It was postponed, it was said, at the urgent request of the Mayor.

So complete a secret were the plans of the Commissioner that an official statement was issued from Police Headquarters in the morning announcing the Commissioner's trip to Bermuda. Just where the Commissioner plans to pass his honeymoon is not known.

The bride's address was given as Caldwell, N. J., but friends of the Commissioner recalled that for three or four years she has conducted the boarding house at 64 Prospect Place, Brooklyn. The Commissioner and his sister made their home there; two months ago Mrs. Smith closed the boarding house and the Commissioner moved to the Marlborough apartments, at 163 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn.

BRIEFS

Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, has advised Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, to notify its students in the navy who desire "inactive duty" to apply to their commanding officers.

The Winifred Wheeler Day Nursery, which cares for 125 children daily, is finding it difficult to find food for its charges. About 200 persons who grow more vegetables than they use send their surplus to the nursery, at 604 East Seventy-sixth Street.

Plans for a Ukrainian congress at Washington, December 2nd, have been discussed today at a meeting at Arlington Hall, 23 St. Mark's Place, under the auspices of the Ukrainian Federation of the United States.

David Bisham and Mme. Alina Clayburn are to sing Saturday evening at the Rapid Transit concert at the 62d Regiment Armory, Lexington Avenue and Twenty-sixth Street.

After a burglar, discovered in a liquor store at 178 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, had eluded the police for some time, he was taken yesterday, he was picked up by the registration card of George P. Weeks, 309 Devon Street, Brooklyn. Weeks was arrested at his home and held in the Bridge Plaza police court.

The November grand jury in Kings County has been directed to continue its sessions until its inquiry into the Brooklyn tunnel has been completed. A report is expected Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Jewish Welfare Board has sent "Chanuka greetings" to Jewish soldiers and sailors, reminding them of the unusual appropriateness of the celebration of the victory of Maccabean arms over the tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes.

Select Your Own Title



Food Price Lists Are Distributed to Dealers in New York

Customers Will Know Just What Merchants Pay for Goods Purchased

The Federal Food Board here yesterday began the distribution of thousands of Official Price Bulletins, which are to be posted in every butcher, delicatessen and grocery store in the city. To facilitate the circulation, hundreds of bulletins were sent to each police precinct, the patrolmen being instructed to give them to shop dealers on their beats.

These are the first of a series of weekly bulletins which are to be issued. It is believed by Federal Food Board officials that, through the posting of these bulletins, profiteering in foodstuffs will be ended.

The bulletins will show the prices paid by the retailer, the margin of profit permitted and the fair maximum price to the consumer, as well as the price to be charged by the dealer.

Dealers who do not display the bulletins can be punished under the act creating this food commission. Customers are expected to report where lists are not posted.

In the lists issued yesterday, dated "Week of November 26," a 4-cent elasticity of maximum price to be charged the consumer is carried. For example, sirloin steak is quoted at 43-47 cents a pound. In lamb, however, only a 2-cent fluctuation is permitted. Legs of lamb are quoted at 35-37 cents, loin chops at 38-40 cents and shoulder chops at 32-34 cents.

Police Reserves Retained

"Special Deputy Police Commissioner Rodman Wamaker, in charge of the Police Reserves, issued a general order yesterday, assuring his command that its services would be required in the department, even after the conclusion of the war."

"With peace at hand," the order read in part, "There will still be much helpful work that the reserves can do. It will be their job to make sure that the city is not only still further improved the standard and reputation of the reserves, but of the citizens and conditions of the city."

Pratt Admits He Took Motor Trips With Mme. Parma

Divorce Suit Defendant As- serts Relations With Seer- ess Were Purely Platonic

Justice Davis in the Supreme Court reserved decision yesterday in the divorce suit of Mrs. Katherine Sloan Pratt against Albert Houghton Pratt, in which Mme. P. Mildred Parma, spiritualist and seeress, was named as correspondent.

Cross examination of Mr. Pratt by counsel for his wife adduced much testimony of his social relations with Mme. Parma, which he insisted were never anything but platonic. Mr. Pratt said he was a believer in her teachings of the mystic.

As he told the day before, he drew checks to her for thousands of dollars, some of this money representing the proceeds from the sale of bonds belonging to his wife, which she says, her father later had to redeem.

Yesterday he told of trips he made with Mme. Parma. He also quoted his wife as saying that her father wished her to divorce him and that Mrs. Pratt's father was ready to support her and her daughter. She told him, he said, she would be disinherited if she continued to live with him.

The names of Princess Lwoff Parlaghy, Russian portrait painter, and Mrs. "Jack" Gardner, society woman and art patron of Boston, came into the case through visits that Mr. Pratt paid to them. Together with Mme. Parma he went to visit Princess Parlaghy at Tannersville, N. Y. The purpose of the trip, he said, was to discuss with the artist the mortgage which Mme. Parma held on the art objects of the Princess for money loaned. The security for the loans included a Persian throne rug, which Princess Parlaghy valued at \$80,000. A trip to Boston, Mr. Pratt explained, was to try to sell the Persian rug to Mrs. Gardner.

Mr. Pratt said his wife knew that he took automobile trips with Mme. Parma.

New York Curfew Will Not Toll Until Thanksgiving Is Over

Youngsters Warned by Police That They Are Not To Be on Street After 9 P. M. Under New Law— Advice to Precede All Arrests

Curfew will not ring to-night, but it will ring to-morrow, boys and girls. All the Thanksgiving japeries and celebrations can be carried past the danger hour of 9 p. m. without interference from the police, but woe betide the youngsters who prolong the celebration to-morrow after curfew! The ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen Tuesday had not been referred to the police yesterday, and it was said at Inspector Daly's office that the enforcement of the law would not begin until Friday.

Fifth Deputy Commissioner Ellen J. O'Grady, who will have general supervision of the enforcement of the curfew law, had only one regret yesterday—that the law mentioned 9 o'clock instead of 8 as the hour for young folks to be home.

"Our method, if we see a young boy or girl who seems to be getting into bad habits, is to visit the home. If it is a case in which a girl is concerned, one of our women spies the mother. You know what happens in a home if a stern father gets hold of the fact that his daughter is getting into bad company. He never helps. We have not had one case in which a woman has bungled things by lack of tact."

"The police can be relied upon not to lay hands on young folks who are going about their legitimate business. The law provides that offenders against the curfew law be taken to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. That makes the policeman's warning effective, and is necessary."

Sugar Card System To End December 1 But Four Pounds Per Month Per Person Is Still To Be the Limit

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Distribution of sugar under the certificate system will be discontinued December 1 under an order issued today by the food administration. In announcing the order the administration emphasized that requests for conservation of sugar were in no way modified.

Domestic consumers, it was said, will be expected to observe the voluntary ration of four pounds per person a month, and public eating places will be required to use only four pounds of sugar for each ninety meals served.

Hyman Snubs East Side

Delegation Asking Fair Milk Price Is Refused Hearing

District Attorney Swann intimated last night that he has discovered new evidence which he will present before Chief Magistrate McAdoo's "John Doe" inquiry into the price of milk which begins Monday.

"Our search for evidence is being retarded and the situation is better than I thought it would be," said the prosecutor.

Harry Schlacht, director of the East Side war activities, said a committee of East Side women called at the office of Mayor Hyman in the City Hall and were kept waiting from 1 until 3 o'clock, expecting an audience with the Mayor.

Dishonesty in Sing Sing

Bogus Coupons Spent in Prison- on's Co-operative Hearing

OSKISING, N. Y., Nov. 27.—George Conrow, the genial murderer who conducts the cooperative prison store at Sing Sing, was shocked today to discover that some of his customers were dishonest. In going over with the prisoners, immediate steps were taken to find the culprits. Despite the ample opportunity afforded to test the adage: "Set a thief to catch a thief," the culprits appointed Martin Sweeney, a murderer, and Philip White, a highwayman, to catch the offender.

Waiters Arrange Big Strike Parade; Police Prepared

Both Sides Ready for Any Eventualities That May Occur This Morning

The police, as well as the members of the International Hotel Workers' Federation, completed arrangements yesterday for a big parade of waiters and cooks at 11 o'clock to-day, signaling a general strike in 250 hotels and restaurants of the city.

The reserves of the West Sixty-eighth Street station have been ordered to hold themselves ready for eventualities when the parade starts, for, although the parade permits the waiters to display the display of red flags, fear is expressed that elements outside the control of the union may attempt a Bolshevik demonstration with the parade as an excuse and rioting may result.

Union leaders said last night that the demands of the men for increased wages had been placed with all the hotel and restaurant men and those that do not sign the new schedule will be waterless by 11 o'clock this morning.

Yesterday afternoon the so-called "John Doe" parade in Broadway was visited by the strike committee. Meetings of union men to receive replies from employers were held during the night at the Amsterdam Opera House, West Forty-fourth Street.

Otto Wagner, secretary of the federation, said that a large defence fund was being collected and a prolonged fight was in prospect.

Clothing Strikers Say Ten Managers Quit

The leaders of the 35,000 striking clothing workers announced yesterday that ten members of the American Men's and Boys' Clothing Manufacturers' Association have resigned in order to be free to sign agreements for shorter hours and increased wages with their employers.

Three of these firms asked that their names be kept secret. The others are Blankfort Company, 43 East Tenth Street; Samuel Blum, 740 Broadway; Lock, Moses & Lieberman, 7 Waverley Place; Levinson, Rogers & Co., Washington Place; L. and M. System, 740 Broadway; Miskopf, Goldberg & Levy, 43 East Fourteenth Street, and L. and M. System, 740 Broadway.

Union officials say that 200 clothing shops have reopened in agreement with the demands of the men since the strike began.

Peace Delegates in N. Y.

Cuban Mission Reaches Here After Delay Due to Strike

Members of the Cuban delegation to the Versailles peace council reached New York yesterday on the Wind Liner Mexico, after a delay caused by a general strike in Havana.

The strike, a local affair, spread rapidly when the Mayor of Havana placed two of the labor levers in jail. Conditions on the island were described as very bad, food being scarce and shipping and railroads paralyzed, even newspapers stopping publication for a time.

Professors Come de la Tarriente and Antonio Eustanante, instructors in international law at the University of Havana, and Pablo Desverne, Secretary of State of Cuba, comprise the Cuban delegation.

Slacker Colony Revealed

The Board of Aldermen yesterday voted the Mayor use of \$25,000 for the repatriation of the soldiers.

It is believed this sum will not be sufficient since considerably more was spent when Marshal Joffre, Viviani and other notables were entertained.

Borough President Edward B. C. Smith, of Brooklyn, also started plans for a special reception for Brooklyn soldiers who will return with the Max Abelman, member of the executive committee, recently appointed to range the city for the Victory Celebration which had been scheduled for to-day, left for Washington to get details of information on the movement of Brooklyn troops.

Many Draft Evaders in Buenos Ayres, Letters Show

Intercepted letters revealing that there is a colony of draft evaders in Buenos Ayres yesterday resulted in an indictment of Maurice Radama, a resident of Locust Board 98, by a grand jury on charges of violation of the selective service act.

In the seized letters Radama is appealed to his relatives and friends to fund. The fugitive is returning to this country and will be arrested on arrival.

"The Eagle" Celebrates

"The Brooklyn Daily Eagle celebrated its seventy-seventh anniversary last night at the Radio Auditorium in the Eagle Building, Brooklyn. There were speeches, music, refreshments and dancing. Among the speakers were Chaplain Percy T. E. Krebbs, who presented a bust of the late Emma Blum, and a representative of the Eagle, Paris correspondent of "The Eagle" from 1882 to 1914. It was capped by Herbert F. Gunnison, secretary of the business manager of the newspaper."

Hyman to Pick 1,000 To Plan Reception For Troops' Return

Fifth Avenue To Be "Old Glory" Maze From Wash- ington Sq. to 72d Street

Amber Lights to Glean Thousands of Globes to Illumi- nate Way—New York Men Expected Here by Christmas

Mayor Hyman will appoint a committee of 1,000 citizens to arrange for the reception of homecoming New York troops.

Grover A. Whalen, secretary to the Mayor, announced this yesterday, following the publication in the morning newspapers of unofficial dispatches from France stating that the Twenty-seventh Division, which is composed of former New York National Guardsmen, had been withdrawn from the front area and probably would embark for the United States within a few days.

A definite programme for the reception of the soldiers, who are headed by Major General John F. O'Rourke, will be made public as soon as a final plan is given. The Mayor's office expects information concerning the date of their arrival.

The Mayor's committee, Mr. Whalen said, would aim to make the celebration the most memorable in the history of the country, and will be directed into six sub-committees, comprising a reception, military and naval committees and a banquet and public relations committee.

Aside from these a committee of prominent New York architects will be appointed to take charge of decorations on Fifth Avenue from Washington Square to about Seventy-second Street, the line of the proposed soldiers' march.

"It is Mayor Hyman's plan," said Mr. Whalen, commenting on the proposed reception, "to have Fifth Avenue converted into an 'Avenue of the Stars and Stripes.' In as much as this is to be a strictly American celebration, the Mayor is of the opinion that all celebration on the day of our soldiers' homecoming should be centered about the flag. They fought for it, therefore, no flag but the Stars and Stripes will be displayed when our boys make their final victory march."

"Thousands of Amber Globes

"The present plan is to drape four flags on each lamp post. In addition, every building on the avenue will display the colors. The Edison company has donated thousands of amber-colored globes, and illumination will be further increased by numerous 'Edison' lamps, also contributed by the company."

"There is to be a massive memorial victory arch at Madison Square. If there is time it will be made of plaster, not of stone. The arch will be reached here, no definite plans can be announced. But general arrangements will start at once and nothing will be left undone to make the reception a memorable one."

George W. Loft, chairman of the Mayor's Committee on National Defence, who came to this city first organization yesterday, said his organization would be glad to cooperate in the reception. He said:

"It is my opinion that the Mayor's committee should finish its work and should not allow the city to be like a piker's affair. The Committee on National Defence is at Mayor Hyman's disposal for this purpose."

May Reach Here by Christmas

New York Guard officers here pointed out yesterday that the returning soldiers probably would not use their old army addresses as permanent headquarters. These officers expressed the opinion that following their arrival here the New York soldiers probably would be at Camp Mills, Camp Upton or Camp Merritt, the embarkation cantonment to be mustered out.

Officials of the Mayor's Committee on National Defence got in touch with Washington yesterday after the publication of the dispatches from France. They announced that they were informed by army officials at that range that the 27th boys' regiment would not reach this country until Christmas.

"These celebrations should be used to make the homecoming of American troops as grand as the Spanish-American war. It should be like a piker's affair. The Committee on National Defence is at Mayor Hyman's disposal for this purpose."

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